

BOOTLEGGING, GAMBLING AND VICE MUST GO

CITY SCHOOLS ARE OPENED WITH LARGE ENROLLMENT

Most of the Children Had
Their Health Cer-
tificates.

OTHERS TO BE EXAMINED

Good Program at High
School Chapel To-
day.

After a delay of two weeks occasioned by the ban placed by the City health authorities barring children under sixteen years of age from attending any public gathering, the schools of Fairmont Independent and Union Independent districts opened auspiciously this morning with full attendance and excellent prospects for a banner year.

A large percentage of the pupils of Fairmont Independent district were with very few exceptions supplied with the certificates of health.

Pupils who came to school without health certificates were admitted in accordance with the revised order of the Board of Education of September 19. Those pupils who have not been examined will be examined by the Medical Inspector within a few days.

In the Miller School Drs. E. W. and L. D. Howard assisted in the examination of children this morning.

The total enrollment at the High, West side and East side schools today was 2737. The following gives the enrollment for each school for today with the number of pupils having health certificates.

School	Enroll	Cer.
Barnes	180	112
Butcher	250	210
Fleming	186	90
Miller	475	460
White	285	228
High school	600	
Dunbar	86	86
Central Bld'g	385	385
East Park	210	210
State street	95	95
Total	2737	1866

The first chapel exercise for the school year was held this morning at the High school auditorium and the large auditorium was filled to capacity with the student body friends and patrons of the school and the school faculty.

President Frank B. Trotter of the West Virginia University was the principal speaker of the morning and gave a splendid address on the line of "The Greater Vision." Mr. Trotter impressed on his hearers that while the world had advanced materially along all lines and great things had been accomplished yet there was still at the present time ample growth for the visionists and urged the pupils to have a vision in whatever line of study or work they might pursue. He said the man without a vision, was not likely to achieve brilliant successes in any line of work.

Hon. J. Walter Barnes, at one time President of the Fairmont Normal school and who still maintains a keen interest in the educational institutions of the city was the next speaker. Mr. Barnes was enthusiastically endorsed during his talk of a few minutes. President Joseph Rosier in his usually pleasing style followed Mr. Barnes and extended greetings to the pupils many of whom were only recently under his charge as superintendent of the City schools.

City Superintendent Otis G. Wilson followed Mr. Rosier with a brief talk concerning the prospects of the work for the year and predicted a splendid year in all the schools. Secretary of the Board of Education Attorney R. A. Watts was also present at the chapel exercise but was obliged to leave before the exercises were concluded. Rev. R. T. Webb, pastor of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church conducted the devotional exercises. Principal George H. Colebank of the High school bore charge of the chapel exercises and introduced the different speakers.

Excellent musical numbers were furnished by a quartette composed of Rev.

NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND PHYSICIANS!

According to an order duly passed by the Board of Health of the City of Fairmont all children before being admitted to school in the City of Fairmont must present to their teacher certificate showing that they have been examined by a physician.

This examination may be made by any physician. Your own family physician is best for this examination. The results of the examination must be recorded on a special blank which may be secured at the city building. The blanks will be ready Tuesday morning and the examinations may be made at any time during the week.

The object of this general examination is to give the school authorities and the Board of Health accurate knowledge of the physical condition of all the children so that during the entire year we guard against any epidemic. We are mobilizing the physical resources of the children against the inevitable attack of disease during the inclement months.

Special Notice
Physicians are urged to charge the lowest possible fee for this examination and thus co-operate in this move.

C. E. Goodwin, Robert Smith and Misses Edna Jacobs and Ethel Toothman, and by Jamison Meredith on the violin accompanied by Miss Katherine Moore.

The regular work of the High school will not start until Wednesday morning. The Freshman reported at the school this afternoon to complete assignment work and tomorrow the 2, 3 and 4 year grades will meet at the High school for the same purpose.

The graded schools held only half day sessions today but the regular schedule will start off with Tuesday morning. Superintendent W. A. Pustead of the East Side schools is enthusiastic as to the outlook of the schools under his charge and believes the best year in the history of the schools is about to begin.

Rally Day Services Are Well Attended

RETURNED VACATIONISTS HELP TO SWELL CHURCH MEETINGS

Approximately 2,500 persons were in attendance at the Rally day services observed yesterday in all the city churches and special services were carried out in all the churches affiliated with the Ministerial association. Adults, young women, men and children turned out in force to attend the services at the churches and a general get-together campaign was arranged for the fall and winter months.

Vacationists are practically all at home and from now the records are expected to show substantial gain both in point of attendance and interest manifested. Promotion exercises in which children were promoted from one grade to another were held in several of the city churches while in other churches special programs were observed.

The rally day program was originally set for September 11, but owing to the ban placed upon children under 16 years of age attending public gatherings, the Ministerial association changed the date to yesterday.

Joseph Mulholland Killed by Train

The body of Joseph Mulholland, aged 25 years, was brought to his home at Mannington today from Moundsville where it had been taken after the accident at Cameron, in which the young man was killed, occurred yesterday morning. He was struck at 9:35 o'clock yesterday morning by passenger train number 17 west bound.

The accident happened about 200 yards east of the station and the exact cause is unknown. Mulholland was picked up by the train crew and brought to the station, where Dr. J. E. Cooper rendered medical aid. Owing to his serious condition the doctor ordered the man taken to a Wheeling hospital, but he died on the train near Glen Easton. Upon the arrival was taken off and prepared for burial by Undertaker Frazell.

Mulholland is survived by a wife and daughter, who reside in Mannington.

High School Football Schedule Completed

A squad of twenty five men under the direction of Coach Moore of the High School began work at South Side Park today with the pick-up oval and the new rule book. A number of last years football men are on the squad and the new men have made a good preliminary showing. A mass meeting is to be held tonight at the Y. M. C. A. at which the newly completed schedule will be discussed and the plans for the coming season talked over by the coach and the candidates for the team.

The complete schedule as announced today for the season is as follows: At Clarksburg Oct. 7, Morgantown here October 14, Mannington here October 21, Buckhannon here October 28, At Mannington November 4, at Weston November 11, Clarksburg here Nov. 18. Nov. 25 is still an open date.

BENJAMIN WILSON DEAD

Benjamin Wilson, farmer of near Beegun, died Saturday night at the age of 50 years. His death came suddenly from heart failure, said to have been brought on by excessive labor earlier in the day Saturday. County Coroner Frank Lloyd, and the county officers were called to the bedside of Mr. Wilson when it was found that he was dead. The call was made by Mrs. Wilson, his wife. The coronor stated that death was due to natural causes.

Surviving Mr. Wilson are his wife, his wife's mother and Mrs. Ascraft aged 80 years. Both Mrs. Wilson's mother and Mrs. Ascraft are bedfast, both having been ill for some time. Friends and relatives will take care of the remains which will probably be interred at Beegun tomorrow morning.

CHILD BURIED AT MONONGAH

The four-month-old infant child of Lillian Sloan whose death took place at Monongah, was buried yesterday at Monongah by Undertaker R. L. Cunningham.

THE OPENING DAY



NOW USING TAXI CABS FOR DRUNKS

Prisoners Have to Pay For the Ride to the City Jail.

Four drunks and two forfeits for drunks made up the docket for this morning in Mayor Anthony Bowen's court.

Ed. Sutton, arrested on Pennsylvania avenue told the mayor that he paid \$1.50 for a pint of Golden Wedding whiskey on Jackson street and that later he was rolled, a 17-jewel Elgin watch and \$3 being taken from him. He said he did not know the man from whom he bought the whiskey and could describe him only as "pretty black." He was fined \$5 and sent to the prosecuting attorney.

Austin Walsh, machine runner of Carolina mine gave a friend of his \$3 yesterday with which to buy a pint of whiskey. The whiskey was secured and the friend disappeared leaving Walsh drunk and in good condition for the officers. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and sent to the prosecuting attorney to tell who the friend is.

Claud Fluharty, of Grant Town, was assessed \$5 and costs, taxi fare for his trip to jail being \$1. He arranged payment after pleading guilty to a drunk charge. He got his liquor at Point Marion.

Charles Hawker was too sick to appear for trial at the hour set for police court and was sent back to jail. He was arrested yesterday.

George Hoover drunk, forfeited \$5, the probable amount of a fine and \$1 for taxi fare to the city hall.

Florence John, the colored woman who tried to tear out Kip Fleming's eyes, and who was sent back to jail from Police court Saturday, managed to sober up Saturday evening and forfeited her way to freedom.

Sunday School Union Makes Annual Report

The annual report of the Sunday School Union of the city shows a gain over last years attendance record. A remarkable fact that the report shows is that all of the gains were made in the smaller Sunday Schools where the original enrollment was small. The new year begins next Sunday and all Sunday Schools are making an effort to make it a more successful one even than the past.

The average attendance for the nine schools and the percentage of gain for each during the past year is as follows:

School	Attendance	% Gain
First M. E.	547	0
Diamond Street M. E.	325	4
M. E. South	270	0
First M. P.	195	0
First Baptist	272	2
Palatine Baptist	142	21
Christian	145	29
Lutheran	81	11

GIULINI FUNERAL

The three-month-old infant daughter of Sam Giulini whose death occurred at Kingmont on Saturday, was buried in Holy Cross cemetery yesterday by Undertaker R. L. Cunningham.

SIGN PRIVILEGES FOR POLITICIANS NOT ENCOURAGED

Mayor Must Make Them Obey the Law As It Stands.

At the regular Monday morning meeting of the City Board of Affairs today, an ordinance that cast its shadow before, in which the Mayor asked for a change in the city laws, said he would allow the erection of the Wilson club sign as well as other's sign on certain occasions, was practically turned down. It was placed on record as having been read once and will be read next Monday and the following Monday, but this was simply done at the request of the Mayor to show those who have been pestering him that he is working tooth and nail for the sign.

As soon as the ordinance was read by City Clerk ern, it was decided that the entire matter be left in the Mayor's hands and it became known that there was not much love for signs on the streets. The Mayor asked that an ordinance permitting signs to be erected on all gala occasions such as football games, baseball games, pink teas, circuses, etc., be passed. Fearing that it would be the death knell of the ordinance to allow this, the commissioners refused to hear it.

The Mayor said that he wanted to get the blame off his shoulders as both sides, Democratic and Republican, were going after him on both flanks. Judging by the amount of enthusiasm which registered zero minus, when the ordinance was read there is not the least likelihood that any signs will ever be erected in the city with the approval of the city government.

The Republican headquarters asked for a permit to erect an electric sign on the Hall Block, said sign not to extend over the sidewalk more than the legal distance which is four feet. The matter was placed in the Mayor's hands for action. He was told that the Republicans had their search light up Saturday night, before having been granted a license to do so. "I'll fine them," shouted the Mayor, "for violating the law." Although in all earnestness at first, he smiled blandly.

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Ask for Troops to Put Out Fire in Onion Patch

(By Associated Press)
COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 25.—Request that the state militia be called out immediately to fight extensive fires in what are said to be the world's largest onion bed at Guffey near Kenton, O., was received by Gov. Willis today.

It was stated that the vegetable decay of several inches in the bed was burning, causing large loss.

LOCAL PHYSICIANS NEGLECTING DUTY

State Health Officials Rap Marion County Doc- tors.

The State Health department at Charleston is waging a war on publicity on the doctors of the state and Marion county especially. This work is part of the effort to induce physicians to comply with the law in regard to the reporting promptly of cases of transmissible disease and vital statistics. The latest communication from this department severely censures the physicians of Marion county and the statements made will likely be taken up by the Marion county Medical society and investigated.

Following is the letter from the state officials:

"To report of deaths for Marion county have been left to the undertakers to record with the county clerk. The law distinctly places this duty upon the physicians. Next to the patients, the physicians are most concerned because when somebody else records a cause of death the cause assigned may be a reflection on the physicians. The doctors should make the reports because in court no other person's declaration of the cause of death would have any influence.

"The causes of death as recorded from Marion county during 1915 include such impossible terms as teething, throat trouble, catarrh, tetty, decay of stomach, stomach trouble, and similar phrases. If our people are dying of cancer, of tuberculosis, of diphtheria, of typhoid fever, infantile paralysis, or other preventable causes, we want to know it at once so the health authorities can take immediate steps to prevent these diseases.

"The discrepancy between 666 deaths for the year, and 1,194 births in Marion county indicates that there are numerous rural deaths, and perhaps some hospital deaths, which do not get recorded."

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The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Tuesday, rising temperature.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.
F. P. Hall, Observer.
Temperature at 8 A. M. today 42.
Yesterday's weather clear; temperature, maximum 73; minimum 39; precipitation, none.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PROCEED AGAINST PLACES AS NUISANCES

Fred O. Blue Writes That He Is In Sympathy With Movement on Foot Here And Is Already at Work.

MOVEMENT TO AMEND THE YOST LAW

Ministerial Union Asked to Communicate With Other Counties and Start State Wide Effort to Put Teeth in Statute.

Yesterday's Yost law enforcement mass meeting held at 3 o'clock in the M. P. Temple resulted in two important steps.

A committee consisting of Harry Shaw, R. A. Watts, Dr. C. O. Henry, Robert Miller and Ray Holbert was appointed to investigate the advisability of bringing legal proceedings against the proprietors of "bootlegging centers, gambling joints and houses of ill fame."

The Ministerial Union was requested to correspond with people in the other counties of the state and take such other measures as may be necessary to bring about an amendment of the Yost law so that it will provide greater restrictions against bringing liquor into the state and provide heavier penalties against those who break the law the first time.

The meeting was larger in point of attendance than the one held on the previous Sunday and, if possible, those who attended it were more in earnest. It was the impression of those present that the appointment of the committee to assist the Mayor and the Prosecuting Attorney means that a thoroughgoing war on external bootlegging will be immediately upon bootlegging, gambling and vice in this city.

In fact it already has begun, for when Rev. J. C. Broomfield toward the end of the meeting announced that he intended during the present week to go back to see what is going on at the Hull alley place about which he complained at the previous meeting, Prosecuting Attorney Haggerty arose and announced that the place was safely closed up because the woman who had been running it is in jail. The announcement was greeted with a round of applause.

The meeting got down to business with praiseworthy dispatch. All present were anxious that something constructive be done. Rev. J. B. Workman, president of the Ministerial Union, against presided and prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Goodwin, pastor of the First Methodist church. Then a report of the committee on resolutions was called for and J. M. Black read the following:

Committee on Resolutions

To the mass meeting to be held in the M. P. Temple, September 24, in the interest of better enforcement of the Yost Prohibition Law, your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following:

Whereas, The consensus of opinion, both public and private is: That there is gross violation of the Yost Prohibition Law in our midst, and

Whereas, We recognize it the duty of our county and city officials to first exhaust the law in suppressing said violations of the law, and not cloud the issue or defer action by calling upon the public,

There, Be it Resolved:

First: That the Ministerial Association of Fairmont be requested to continue in charge of this general movement, and that all public meetings connected therewith be held under its direction.

Second: That this movement of interested citizens create an Advisory Committee, composed of the following men: Harry Shaw, R. A. Watts, Dr. C. O. Henry, Robert Miller, and Ray Holbert, who shall co-operate with Mayor Bowen and Prosecuting Attorney Haggerty in the formation and execution of whatever plans they deem best for the suppression of bootlegging, and the better enforcement of the Yost Law.

Third: That this Committee take under advisement with the proper officials, bringing of legal proceedings against the places complained of as bootlegging centers, gambling joints and houses of ill fame, with the view of having them closed as public nuisances.

Fourth: That we further suggest that in view of the fact that the State's attorney has informed the public that the first violation of the Yost Prohibition Law being a misdemeanor, does not sufficiently deter the commission of the first offense.

Therefore, be it further Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Ministerial Association of this city shall take such action, as will reach every county in the state, providing that all persons with the temperance cause at heart, shall not vote for, or against any candidate for House of Delegates, who does not pledge his support to an amendment to the Yost Prohibition Law, that will make it a felony to sell anything that contains more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol, except on prescription of a reputable physician.

Fifth: That we pledge ourselves to

support in every way the Ministerial Association and the Advisory Committee we have created.

Your Committee,
J. M. BLACK,
J. A. JAMISON,
J. A. SWIGER.

It was agreed upon the motion of Rev. Mr. Broomfield that the resolutions be taken up separately for consideration. They were adopted as they stood until the third one was reached. In the copy submitted by the committee bootlegging centers alone were mentioned but upon the motion of Rev. Mapson F. Hayling, pastor of the colored Methodist church this was broadened to include gambling joints and places of ill fame.

The fourth resolution was the subject of an interesting debate at the conclusion of which it was turned over to Dr. C. O. Henry to be rewritten so as to include action to prevent bringing labeled goods into the state with the sanction of the law. Dr. Henry started this discussion. William B. Ice, Jr., called attention to the fact that the original Yost law did not contain the provision which made possible bringing labeled liquor into the state. While the matter was under consideration Dr. L. N. Yost spoke in favor of making the penalty for first offenses against the prohibition law a felony. He said that in his capacity of physician to the prisoners in the county jail he has come into confidential relations with many offenders and has learned to know that the law as it now stands holds no terror for the typical offender. Some of them, he said, are looking forward to being provided with comfortable winter quarters through conviction on a Yost law charge. If such a conviction carried a sentence to Moundsville they would view it in a different light.

When the fifth resolution, the one pledging support in every way to the Ministerial Union and the advisory committee, was presented for consideration Rev. Mr. Broomfield said that he considered it the most important of the series and suggested that it be adopted by a rising vote. The suggestion was adopted and every one of the men and women in the large audience stood up, most of them with the light of resolution shining in their eyes. At the conclusion of action on this resolution the resolutions were adopted as a whole.

At the opening of the meeting and again before the close Chairman Workman made brief addresses in which he called attention to the purpose of the movement and expressed the hope that it would be successful. If further meetings of the citizens are needed they will be called by the Ministerial Union. Rev. Mr. Broomfield, speaking for the Ministerial Union, said that the prospect that that body would be called upon to take the movement in charge had been fully discussed at a meeting held last Monday and that it was agreed that this is the only leadership that could carry it to a successful conclusion without incurring the suspicion that there is politics in it. Moreover the ministers are taking charge with a realization that if they win the fight it will result in giving them a moral leadership in the community which they have not had for many years.

After the report of the Resolutions committee had been disposed of a report from the committee appointed to confer with Fred O. Blue, state prohibition commissioner, with the object of securing the co-operation of the state authorities in the suppression of bootlegging in Fairmont, was called for. This committee consists of Rev. Mr. Meredith, Rev. Mr. Eddy and J. L. Leach. It simply reported progress. He members of the committee and Chairman Workman have been in receipt of communications from Commissioner Blue saying that he is in full sympathy with the movement and is ready to co-operate. He has already taken but it was deemed inadvisable to take the public into confidence on these points at this time.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Cards were received here today announcing the engagement of Miss Ola Conaway daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conaway, former residents of this city who now reside in Washington, D. C., and Ernest Bell, a prominent young attorney of this city. No date has been set for the wedding though it will probably be a winter affair. Both Mr. Bell and his bride to be are popular young people and the announcement of their engagement will be received here with interest by their many friends. Mr. Bell is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Bell of this city.